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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FBIS WITHDRAWAL

REF: STATE 303969

1. BELIEVE WE CAN WITHDRAW WITH MINIMAL PUBLICITY. FIRST, WE PROPOSE, IN OUR RESPONSE TO FMG AIDE-MEMOIRE, TO REQUEST THAT THERE BE NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MOVE, ALLUDING TO EARLIER HOSTILE PUBLICITY AND STATING OUR DESIRE TO AVOID PREJUDICING THE EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS OF FBIS KADUNA'S NIGERIAN EMPLOYEES. SECOND, WE WOULD ASSURE FMG THAT FBIS WILL LEAVE WITHIN THE DEADLINE, IF NOT SOONER. IF, IN SPITE OF THESE MEASURES, PRESS BECOMES AWARE OF WITHDRAWAL, THERE NO WAY TO PREDICT HOW IT WOULD BE HANDLED.

2. FOR DADUNA: IN EVENT YOU ARE QUERIED ON REASONS FOR CLOSURE, BELIEVE YOU SHOULD LIMIT YOUR RESPONSE TO STATING WE ARE CLOSING THE STATION AT FMG'S REQUEST. OTHER QUESTIONS ON REASONS SHOULD BE DEFERRED TO MEA. ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT THE STATION DOES SHOULD BE HANDLED IN AS BRIEF A FASHION AS POSSIBLE BUT FOLLOW GENERAL LINES AMBASSADOR USED IN RECENT KADUNA RADIO INTERVIEW.

3. TEXT OF AIDE MOMOIRE FOLLOWS: QTE I AM WRITING TO CONFIRM WHAT I TOLD YOU EARLIER ON TODAY, CONCERNING THE US FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE, KADUNA, WHEN YOU CAME TO SEE ME AT MY REQUEST. I INFORMED YOU THAT THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAD

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DECIDED TO REQUEST THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO CEASE TO

OPERATE THE MONITORING STATION AT KADUNA, FOR WHICH PERMISSION
WAS GRANTED IN 1960. IT IS THE WISH OF THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT

THAT THE CLOSURE OF THE STATION SHOULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN FOUR
MONTHS I.E. BY THE END OF APRIL, 1976, AND THAT ALL THE EXPATRIATE
PERSONNEL EMPLOYED THERE SHOULD LEAVE THE COUNTRY IN THAT TIME.

YOURS SINCERELY, SIGNED G.DAVE-EDWIN, DEPUTY PERMANENT SECRETARY

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